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SUBJ: PRESS ATTACKS IRAQI MAPS WHICH SHEAR OFF KHUZISTAN AND
BALUCHISTAN

1. IRANIAN PRESS AUGUST 7 AND 8 FEATURED GOI ATTACKS ON IRAQI MAPS
SHOWING IRAN WITHOUT KHUZISTAN OR BALUCHISTAN. KHURISTAN MAP WAS
ALLEGEDLY PREPARED FOR 8TH BAGHDAD CONGRESS OF ARAB TEACHERS (NO
DATE GIVEN) AND DISTRIBUTED FOR CLASSROOM USE "THROUGHOUT ARAB
WORLD." CREDIT FOR MAP WAS GIVEN TO "POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION
OF AL-AHWAZ." BALUCHISTAN MAP WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CONTAINED IN
BOOKLET ENTITLED "BALUCHISTAN, STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM" DISTRIBUTED
IN PAKISTAN, KUWAIT AND DUBAI.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT CRITICIZED IRAQI BA'ATHISTS FOR SUCH "INFAN-
TILE" ACTIVITIES, AND PREDICTABLY NOTED SHAH'S PLEDGE IN HIS
RAMSAR SPEECHES OF EARLY AUGUST (TEHRAN 6458 AND 6505) THAT IRAN
WOULD REMAIN STRONG IN ORDER TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS.

3. COMMENT: THESE CARTOGRAPHIC GAMES ARE OLD HAT. FOR EXAMPLE,
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ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS BALUCHISTAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION AND THE

BALUCHISTAN LIBERATION FRONT HAVE OFTEN ISSUED MAPS OF GREATER
BALUCHISTAN INCLUDING IRANIAN TERRITORY BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THE
PROVINCE. IRAQI REFERENCES TO "ARABISTAN" VICE KHUZISTAN HAVE ALSO
FREQUENTLY RAISED HACKLES HERE. THE TIMING OF THESE GOI ATTACKS
MAY BE CALCULATED TO JUSTIFY IN PUBLIC MIND LARGE MILITARY EXP-
ENDITURES MENTIONED DURING RAMSAR SPEECHES.
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